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Rockville Scores Top Marks for LGBTQ Support

100/100 for Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index

For the first time, Rockville has scored perfect marks for its commitment to the health, welfare, safety and equality of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community on the Human Rights Campaign's 2017 Municipal Equality Index scorecard.

The sixth annual Municipal Equality Index scorecard (MEI), released Oct. 19, analyzes and rates 506 municipalities across the country, measuring them for the inclusivity of laws, policies and services for their LGBTQ communities.

Rockville scored 100/100 on the scorecard, sharing first place with Baltimore and Frederick out of the 10

2017 MEI Maryland Rankings

Rockville	100
Baltimore	100
Frederick	100
Towson	96
College Park	87
Annapolis	65
Bowie	61
Columbia	59
Gaithersburg	59
Hagerstown	38

Maryland towns and cities on 2017's scorecard. Categories by which municipalities are judged include nondiscrimination laws, trans-inclusive

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Police Chief Survey Enclosed

As city manager, I am now engaged in the process of naming Rockville's next police chief. Please help me with this important task by answering the nine questions included on the survey inserted into this edition of "Rockville Reports."

Once complete, please return the postage-paid survey by **Friday, Dec. 1**. Your voice matters, and will help me make the best decision for Rockville.

If you would prefer to take this survey online, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/chiefsurvey. If you need this information translated or in another format, please call 240-314-8613.

The deadline for response is **Friday, Dec. 1**. (Responses to this survey are subject to the Maryland Public Information Act.)

Thank you,

Rob DiSpirito,
Rockville City Manager



City Hall, Other Facilities to Close Several Days this Month

Rockville City Hall will be closed on Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day, and on Thanksgiving weekend, and other city facilities will be closed or will operate on limited schedules.

Friday, Nov. 10 (Veterans Day observed): City Hall, the Senior Center and Glenview Mansion will be closed. The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office will be open 6-8 p.m. Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All other city facilities will open as usual. The city's Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday and in the article on page 8.

Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, Nov. 24: City Hall, the Senior Center, Glenview Mansion and the Fitzgerald theater box office will be closed. Fitzgerald theater tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Recycling and refuse normally collected on Thursdays will be collected Friday, Nov. 24. For more information on recycling and refuse, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse, or call

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Rockville Town Square Plaza Turns 10 Years Old

Happy Birthday, Town Square — Welcome to Double Digits!

While the 10th anniversary is a special milestone in anyone's life, Town Square's decade as an iconic downtown gathering space was highlighted even more in October with a jury citation in the Montgomery County Planning Department's third annual Design Excellence Awards.

A celebration of Town Square's 10th birthday will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 in Town Square, with live music, strolling entertainment, cake and an anniversary toast from Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.

Rockville Town Square Plaza opened in 2007. The mixed-use, public-private,

transit-oriented project represented the first phase of the city's Town Center Master Plan. The primary concept behind creating the 40,000-square-foot open space was to recreate Rockville's downtown as the heart of the city.

The Design Excellence Awards seek to "recognize exceptional work in architecture, landscape architecture and urban design," according to the county planning department's website. This year's Design Excellence Awards honored both buildings and landscapes in Montgomery County that are currently in use and less than 10 years old. Town Square

Plaza, planned and designed by Street-Works Studio, was recognized for its high-quality design in the Open Spaces and Landscapes category.

"This space does everything that a public square should do," the competition's jurors stated. "It encourages activities, such as sitting on the grass, splashing in the fountain, meeting friends, shopping, ice skating and Zumba dancing, that are all about connection and community. The square is not only the symbolic center of Rockville, but its civic heart."

While considered a city park, Town Square was designed to serve suburban-style

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Celebrate Town Squares's 10th Anniversary.

WHEN: 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3.

WHERE: Rockville Town Square.

neighborhoods in a fully urban setting where numerous uses for the space converge.

"A goal was to create an outdoor 'room,' inside of which the public could feel comfortable, but to still feel open, and for the buildings not to block sky and sun," said David Levy, Rockville's chief of long range planning. "It was modeled, generally, on Italian piazzas."

Rockville received the citation from the county at a ceremony on Oct. 19.

For more details, visit Rockville Town Square on Facebook. +

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Don't Fall Back on a Faulty Smoke Detector

It's nearly time for daylight saving time to end and clocks to be wound back an hour. You'll probably want to do that before you go to bed, Sunday, Nov. 5. It's also a good opportunity to check your home's smoke alarms — it's the best way of notifying you and your family of a fire.

Battery-operated smoke alarms are required to be replaced every 10 years from the date of manufacture to comply with a 2013 state law. The devices should also be tested at least once a month.

The state law calls for older smoke alarms to be replaced with new, sealed, long-life battery-powered smoke alarms by no later than Jan. 1, 2018, or when there is a change of tenant, test failure or a building permit is issued.

Hardwired 120-volt electric smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years with new 120-volt smoke alarms with battery backup to ensure proper and timely operation in a fire. Homeowners with hardwired smoke alarms should not replace their devices with battery-powered alarms.

The fire code-compliant smoke alarms can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

For more information on smoke alarms, where and when they are required, and general fire safety tips for homes, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/firesafety or email Timothy Diehl, city fire marshal, at tdiehl@rockvillemd.gov.

Avoid a Clog, Fight the FOG (Fats, Oils and Greases)

When the Thanksgiving feast is finished, don't pour fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the drain.

FOG solidifies when deposited into sewer lines, trapping solids and forming hard deposits that can cause blockages in pipes. Blockages can lead to sewer backups and leaking pipes, which can mean costly damage to city infrastructure and private property.

Follow these tips to help prevent clogs and blockages:

- Avoid placing food that contains FOG in the garbage disposal.
- Use the garbage disposal only in rare instances. Do not regularly use it to grind up food waste.
- Scrape food and grease into the garbage before washing dishes.
- Use a paper towel or napkin to wipe away cooking oil or grease before washing dishes.
- Pour FOG into an empty can, let it cool to solidify and dispose of it as refuse.

For tips about FOG for food service establishments, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/fog. For more information, call the Environmental Management Division at 240-314-8870.

City Police Provide Comfort, Case by Case

Comfort Cases Offer Way to Help Children Facing Challenges

Ask civilians to name the tools of the trade for police officers and they'll likely say handcuffs or a service weapon. They're less likely to say pajamas, teddy bears or toothpaste.

But those are just the sorts of new tools that Rockville police have to help them comfort children facing tough times, thanks to a new partnership between the police department and a local nonprofit.

Comfort Cases, a Gaithersburg-based nonprofit that has been featured on "Ellen" and the "Today" show, supports foster children in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The nonprofit relies on donations to provide children with a small duffel bag or backpack filled with essentials and comfort items, to help ease the transition to a new home. For children younger than 10, such items may include pajamas, a stuffed animal and a coloring book. For children 10 and older, it could include sleepwear, journals, books and toiletries.

Rockville's is the first municipal police department in Maryland to partner with Comfort Cases.

Through the partnership,



city police could expand the use of the cases to situations in which officers help Child Protective Services workers remove children from a parent or guardian. City officers also plan to give the cases to children whose family has been displaced by fire, or in response to domestic violence calls, when it is important to reassure children and make them feel safe and secure.

"This partnership will give our officers a great tool to use when they encounter children in our community at a particularly vulnerable time," said Maj. Bob Rappoport, the city's acting police chief. "Comfort Cases allow officers to bring essential items and a bit of security to a child facing a time of upheaval."

Learn more at www.comfortcases.org and www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

Rockville Challenges Kids to be Kinder

Students from two Rockville schools took part in a monthlong challenge in October to encourage kindness and compassion toward each other in an effort to combat bullying.

The kindness challenge, sponsored by Rockville's Community Services Division, asked students from Beall and Meadow Hall elementaries to tick off kind acts, such as doing a household chore without being asked, thanking a bus driver or teacher and saying something nice to five people.

Compassion and empathy toward others have been shown to effectively combat bullying behaviors. On Oct. 2, Rockville's Mayor and Council proclaimed October Bullying Prevention Month,

joining a national campaign to directly address bullying behavior and approaches that communities can take to address bullying.

The initiative is intended to raise awareness, educate and support schools, families and the community, in addressing the pervasive issue of bullying behavior and its impact on the entire community.

As a reward, the winning class and school will get their own ice cream party to celebrate their achievement and the winning school will receive a \$600 mini grant to use to support their students.

For more information on bullying and bullying prevention, visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bullyingprevention>.



Go Local This Thanksgiving with the Rockville Farmers Market

November brings farm-fresh fall produce from regional growers/producers on the final three Saturdays of the Rockville Farmers Market.

The market offers an opportunity to add local flavor to your Thanksgiving feast with fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local beer and wine, knife sharpening, meat and coffee.

It is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays, through Nov. 18 in the jury parking lot at the corner of E. Jefferson Street (MD 28) and Monroe Street in Rockville Town Center.

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money Program. The program helps provide greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for cus-

tomers using the Farmers Market Nutrition Program; the Women, Infants, and Children Fruit and Vegetable Check Program; and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Participants' benefits are matched up to \$5 each week while funds are available. Organizations or individuals wishing to contribute to the Maryland Market Money program should email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov.

Visit City of Rockville Farmers Market on Facebook or www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers for more information, including a list of participating vendors and a photo gallery. For more information, call 240-314-8620.



WILLKOMMEN!... Rockville Town Center came alive with bands, beer and a German-themed bash on Oct. 7. Rocktoberfest celebrated 60 years of Rockville's sister city relationship with Pinneberg, Germany. A delegation of 60 guests from Pinneberg joined the Rockville community to celebrate. In this picture, Rockville Sister City Corporation Vice President Brigitta Mullican poses with a fan commemorating the anniversary. Learn more about their visit at and see coverage of the festival at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Pinneberg" and "Rocktoberfest Recap."



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY ON ROCKVILLE 11

Watch www.youtube.com/cityofrockville



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH? November is National Native American Month, as well as Epilepsy Awareness Month, and Military Family Month; but did you also know that it's National Pomegranate Month? And in November, Nov. 13-17 is National Education Week, and Nov. 19-25 is National Family Week. And, yes, it's Thanksgiving this month (Thursday, Nov. 23), but, crucially, Nov. 27 is Bavarian Cream Pie Day. Mark your calendars.

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Meetings: Monday, Nov. 6, 13, 20 at 7 p.m. Work Session: Monday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr on Nov. 20.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.

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Budget Ideas and Suggestions Wanted Be Heard at Public Hearings and Through an Online Survey

Opportunities for the community to help the city prioritize what matters most continue in November as the Mayor and Council work on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

A public hearing, part of the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, will give community members their next chance to provide in-person input for development of the operating budget and Capital Improvements Program for FY 2019, which begins July 1.

Upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Calendar

Nov. 13	Budget Public Hearing
Nov. 20	Mayor and Council Budget Survey Results and Priorities Work Session
Dec. 11	Water and Sewer Rate Presentation
Jan. 8	Water and Sewer Rate Public Hearing
Feb. 26	Presentation of FY 2019 Proposed Budget
March 5	Mayor and Council Budget Work Session
March 19	Budget Public Hearing
April 9	Budget Public Hearing
April 13	Budget Public Record Closes
April 23	Mayor and Council Budget Work Session
May 14	Adoption of the FY 2019 Budget

Anyone wishing to testify at a public hearing should call 240-314-8280 before 4 p.m. on the hearing date to have their names placed on the speakers' list.

An online survey allows community members to choose their budget priorities and offer suggestions, including for increasing revenue, reducing or modifying current services, decreasing costs, and improving operational efficiencies. Staff will compile online submissions and periodically submit them for the Mayor and Council's review and consideration.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the FY 2019 budget in May. For more information and a link to the budget survey, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ❖

Listening Session Will Solicit Community's Thoughts on Development Review



Rockville's Community Planning and Development Services department will be all ears at a listening session, 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Nov. 15.

CPDS is hoping to hear from stakeholders and residents, such as landowners, developers, architects, land-use attorneys, civil engineers, citizens and others who have been through the development review process in recent years. The session is an opportunity to talk about what does and doesn't work in the city's review process, and how we can do better.

What staff learns from the listening session will help improve the development review process by making it more efficient, timely and transparent.

The listening session will be held in the social hall of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive. The session is open to the public; anyone may attend. Sign up for project updates at <http://bit.ly/DevReviewLS>.

For more information, contact Planning Supervisor Bobby Ray at 240-314-8228 or email bray@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Rockville to Hold School Facilities Planning Session with MCPS

School Officials to Attend Oct. 30 Work Session; City to Testify in November

Construction at schools serving Rockville's children will be the focus as members of the Montgomery County Public Schools board and county schools Superintendent Jack Smith are scheduled to attend a Mayor and Council work session on Monday, Oct. 30.

School officials will provide an overview of modifications MCPS is considering to its facility planning process and capital improvements program, an update on Richard Montgomery Elementary School No. 5, which is scheduled to open in August 2018, and major recommendations in Smith's capital improvements budget proposal, which was released on Monday, Oct. 23. The board is scheduled to vote on that proposal in November.

The work session will also give the Mayor and Council an opportunity to ask questions of school officials about additional planning for Rockville schools. The Mayor and Council will continue

to advocate for projects at schools that serve Rockville students during budget hearings before the school board in November and before the Montgomery County Council in spring.

Mayor and Council work sessions are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Learn more when the agenda is posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

One of the Mayor and Council's priority initiatives for the current term is to "partner with other jurisdictions to meaningfully engage with Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery County and the state to promote school construction."

During this year's Maryland General Assembly session, the city advocated for state aid for construction projects at Rockville schools. This advocacy will continue in the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session, which begins in January. ❖



Photo credit: Jerry Frishman

MARYLAND'S MUNICIPAL LEADERS MEET IN ROCKVILLE... Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (third from left), who is the Maryland Municipal League's president-elect, joined officials from across Maryland as the City of Rockville hosted the MML Fall Conference on Oct. 11-14. Learn more about MML at www.mdmmunicipal.org.

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Nov. 1** Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30** Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **Nov. 2** Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 4** Board of Appeals 9 a.m.*
- **Nov. 8** Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 8, 29** Planning Commission 7 p.m.*
- **Nov. 14** Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 15** Sign Review Board 9 a.m.
- **Nov. 15** Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. Rockville Housing Enterprises main office.
- **Nov. 15** Rockville Sister City Corporation 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 16** Historic District Commission 7 p.m.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Appeals (1 alt.)
- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Historic District Commission (2 regular/1 alt.)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Sign Review Board (1 alt.)



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.





Rockville's Deer Management to be Discussed

The City of Rockville will hold a program on white-tailed deer population management methods from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at Croydon Creek Nature Center. The presentation and discussion will center on how park jurisdictions have dealt with increased populations of deer since the 1980s. Methods of management will be presented, as well as tips for residents on how to exclude or repel and deter deer. The nature center is located at 852 Avery Road. For more details, contact Parks and Facilities Manager Mark Kibiloski at mkibiloski@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8704.

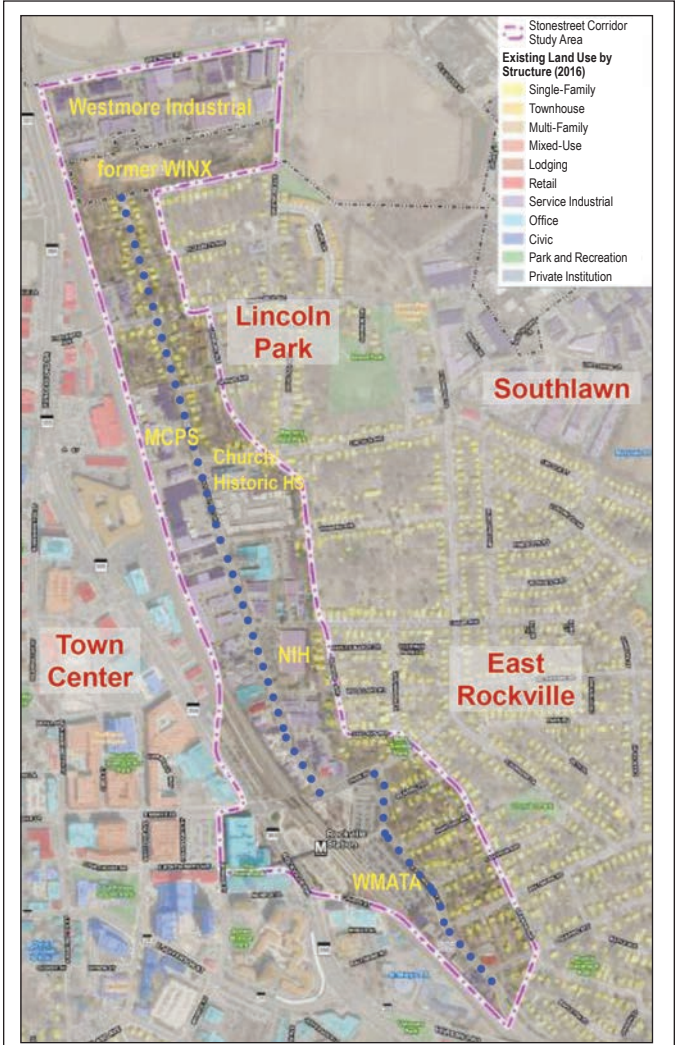


Tree Trimming in the City

If you see tree trimming in your neighborhood, don't be alarmed. Pepco prunes trees near power lines to stay in accordance with state and federal regulations and to maintain the safety and reliability of its electrical service. Rockville's forestry division works with Pepco to make sure pruning by the electrical utility's contracted, licensed tree professionals is done in accordance with current industry standards. In addition, Rockville has contractors performing routine, non-utility line tree trimming for overall tree health and safety throughout the city. Learn how to report fallen branches and trees, and find information about how Rockville protects its trees, at www.rockvillemd.gov/trees. Or, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "trees."

Rockville Gets Down to Business – Register Now!

Rockville business owners, managers and leaders – and those interested in starting a business in the city – are invited to learn how best to interact with the city through the Rockville Business Academy. The program will be held from 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Cambria Hotel & Suites, 1 Helen Heneghan Way, in Rockville Town Center. In its sixth year, the program is offered through the city's Public Information and Community Engagement Division in partnership with Rockville Economic Development, Inc. For more information and to register, contact Hjarman Cordero at 240-314-8344 or hcordero@rockvillemd.gov.



Stonestreet Corridor Meeting Set

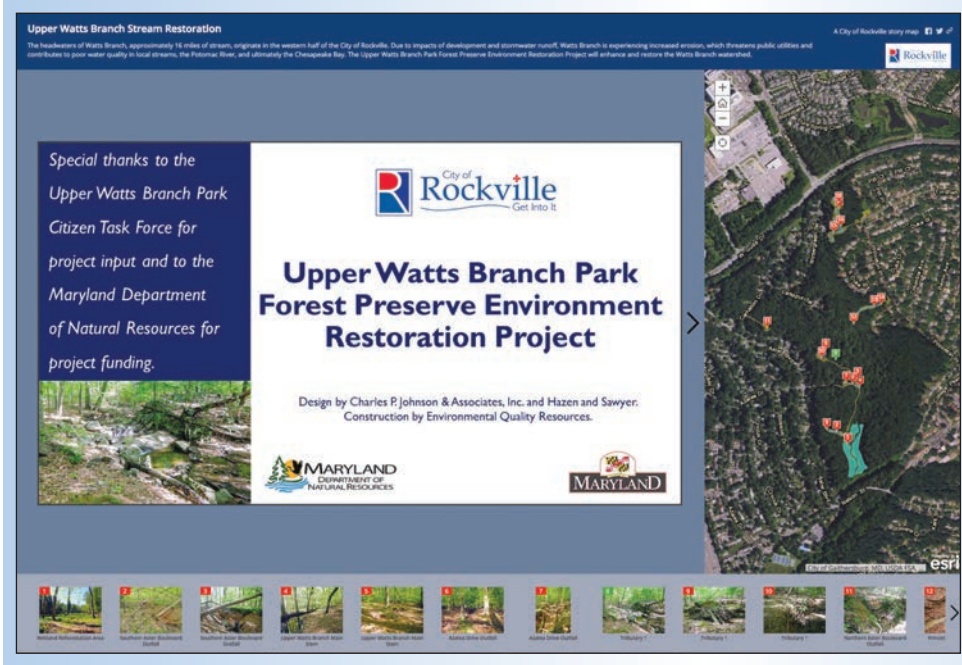
The next community meeting for the Stonestreet Corridor Study will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. For meeting materials, meeting topics, as well as to sign up for email updates or submit comments, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreetstudy. For more information, contact project lead Andrea Gilles at agilles@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8273.

November Closures

continued from pg. 1... 240-314-8568. Facilities closed Nov. 23 and open for the following hours Nov. 24: Croydon Creek Nature Center (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers (10 a.m.-6 p.m.).

Rockville Swim and Fitness Center north pool and fitness room (6 a.m.-9 p.m.). South pool closed. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for more information. Parking at city-owned meters will be free on Nov. 10, 23 and 24. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov or by calling 240-314-5000.

Meet a Rockville Employee: Glenn Maggard. Glenn Maggard, Rockville's water treatment plant superintendent, has been with the city since August 2014. How would you broadly describe your job? My job is to supply Rockville with the best water possible, meeting or exceeding regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment. I manage all aspects of our treatment facility and process, including maintenance, equipment replacement, operational and treatment strategies, laboratory testing and requirements, staffing, treatment troubleshooting, budget, short- and long-term facility planning, construction projects, and interacting with other city departments. That sounds like a big job. What experience did you have before arriving in Rockville? I spent 33 years in the water industry in Michigan, including 27 years with the City of Ann Arbor, where I was the resident plant expert and mentored and advised many operators and supervisors. I still get calls from the Ann Arbor staff, picking my brain for some little-known fact or quick analysis of a problem. You recently received a prestigious award. Tell us about it. I was presented with the Raymond J. Faust Award at the Michigan Section of the American Water Works Association's annual conference in September. As the MI-AWWA's highest award, it recognizes outstanding personal service in the water supply field. I was honored to be nominated, and even more so with being selected as the 2017 recipient. Anything else? Rockville's water treatment plant staff have an enormous responsibility. The plant runs 24/7 and the city relies on staff for their training, expertise and quick decision-making to continuously supply our customers with excellent-quality water. At stake is public health and safety – we cannot fail. Rockville residents can depend on us to be that good steward of their water supply and system, working diligently behind the scenes to keep the water safe and flowing. Learn more about Rockville's water at www.rockvillemd.gov/water.



TELLING THE STORY OF UPPER WATTS BRANCH... The city recently published a story map that offers a virtual tour of the ongoing Upper Watts Branch Park Forest Preserve Environment Restoration Project. The project, which is scheduled for completion early next summer, will enhance the Watts Branch watershed through stream restoration, stormwater management, wetland enhancement, reforestation and protection of public utilities. Learn more about the project and take the tour with the story map at www.rockvillemd.gov/upperwatts.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN WATCHING ON YOUTUBE... Rockville 11 looked back on a busy month with recaps of Rocktoberfest, the Rockville City Police Department's open house and the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show. The Mayor and Council recognized New Mark Commons' 50th birthday and turned toward the holiday season with a kickoff of the 2017 Holiday Drive. And Rockville Town Square got ready for winter by installing art on its ice rink, as "Rock 11 Now Weekly" brought the city more news, more often. Watch at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Rockville Needs Volunteers to Shovel Snow for Seniors

City Pairs Volunteers with Senior Neighbors

Rockville is a city of neighborhoods with a tradition of looking out for one another, and never is that more true than when we're helping neighbors who may not be able to help themselves.

Each winter the Rockville Senior Center looks for ways to help older Rockville residents with snow removal. If you're handy with a shovel and don't mind digging out an extra driveway or clearing a walkway or two, you can sign up and volunteer for the program.

The senior center's home maintenance coordinator organizes the program and can connect you with neighbors in need near your home. What better way to celebrate the season of selfless giving?

To sign up to volunteer or to request snow-shoveling assistance, call 240-314-8819 or call the Senior Center Support Services office at

240-314-8810. To sign up for assistance or volunteer online, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorsnowremoval.

For more information about Rockville Senior Services, call 240-314-8800 or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov.

When winter weather strikes, turn to the city's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather. Closure and snow emergency information is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/weather, and through email notices, social media, and by signing up for Alert Rockville notifications. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/connections.

If you're age 60 or older and would like to brush up on your winter weather checklist, the senior center is holding a free seminar, "Winter Preparation," 1-3 p.m., Monday, Oct. 30. (Sign up with course #1697 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.)



Here Comes the Sun (and Energy Savings)

Info Session Will Detail Latest Chance to Join Co-op and Go Solar

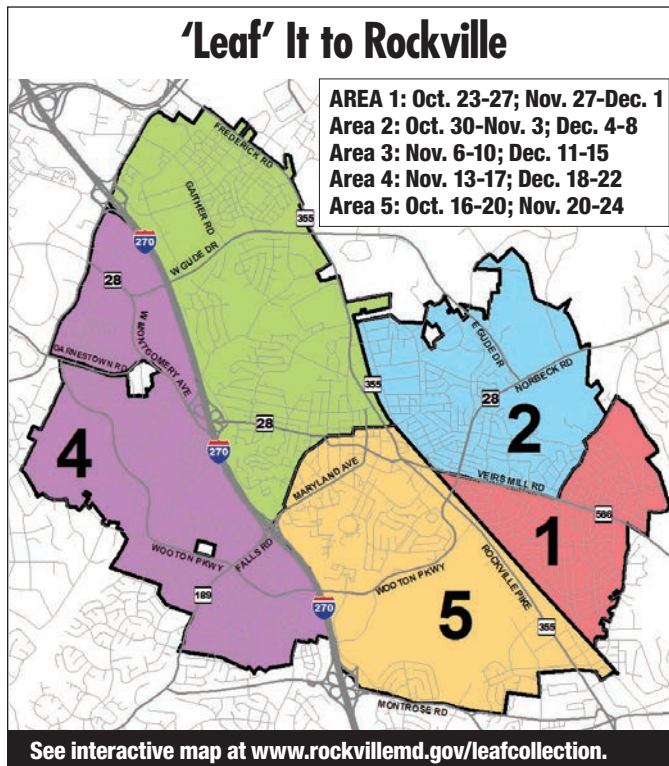
Building on the success of the previous two years, the Rockville Environment Commission is excited to partner with nonprofit Solar United Neighbors (formerly MD SUN) on the launch of a third solar co-op.

A free information session at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., will discuss the basics of solar technology, economics and incentives, and the solar co-op process.

Rockville's participation in solar co-ops helped 63 homeowners in 2015 and 88 homeowners in 2016 go solar. Homeowners who join the Montgomery County Solar Co-op find going solar easier.

Participants receive technical assistance and guidance throughout the process so that they can feel confident about their investment.

Each participant signs an independent contract with the installer for their own system, banding together to negotiate a volume discount and reduce the total cost of installation. The co-op may offer free solar educational workshops, free preliminary site assessments to determine whether a home is suitable for solar, competitively selected contractors with set prices and a limited-time offer to get the best deal on solar. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes.



Fall Leaf Collection Continues into December

Rockville will continue vacuuming leaves from neighborhood curbs in November.

Residents should rake leaves next to, but out of, the roadway. Leaves should be raked no earlier than one week prior to the collection date to avoid grass damage or fire hazards.

An interactive map at www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection allows residents to input their address to learn when their leaves will be collected.

DO: Place leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. on the collection dates. Remove sticks and all other objects from

leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or close to other vehicles so that collection trucks can access piles. Use biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out with yard waste on your collection day, after the collection period ends. Use alternative disposal methods such as mulching or composting.

DO NOT: Pile leaves in bike lanes or where vehicles are parked. Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains, along stream banks or directly into streams.

Rockville Recycles: From Cans to Computers – And Plenty in Between

America Recycles Day is Wednesday, Nov. 15. Find a list of common items Rockville recycles in the box at right and at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

Rockville also recycles metal items, including air conditioners, water heaters, refrigerators (with doors removed), grills, lawn mowers and more. For a complete list, select "Metal Recycling" under the "Special Collections" tab on the webpage above. Other special collection items include:

- Bulk refuse, for which Rockville provides six special collections per household per calendar year of items such as wooden furniture, fencing, landscape ties and construction debris.
- Electronics, such as televisions, computers, printers,

small electronics, cords and cables.

- Hazardous household waste, such as oil-based paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides.

Call 240-314-8568 or email refuse@rockvillemd.gov to schedule a special collection, start service, get a larger recycling cart, report a missed collection, verify collection schedules or ask a question.

The city no longer accepts materials for recycling that are in plastic bags or that contain plastic bags. Many grocery or retail stores offer plastic bag collection bins near their entrances. Find a drop-off location at <http://bit.ly/bagrecycling>.

For more information on America Recycles Day, visit americarecyclesday.org.



Seeds for the Birds

Pre-Ordering for Nature Center's Annual Sale Begins This Month

Flock to the Croydon Creek Nature Center this month, because it's time for the annual bird seed sale.

Order forms for the center's annual feed sale will go online, be sent via mail and be available at the center in the first week of November. The order deadline is Monday, Nov. 27. Seeds are only available by pre-order.

Seed orders will be ready for pickup at the nature center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Black oil sunflower seed, nyjer, patio mix, suet cakes and more will be offered.

Not only does the seed draw native wildlife to yards for viewing, it's also a valuable food source for animals during fowl — er, we mean fowl — winter months.

Croydon Creek offers the seed sale with generous support from the Wild Bird Center in Rockville.

For more information, call 240-314-8770 or email ccnc@rockvillemd.gov. Check the nature center's webpage for seed sale forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek.

Rockville Recycles



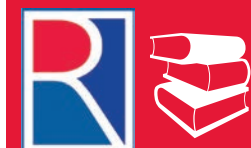
- Newspapers, bottles, cans (including empty aerosol cans) and cardboard.
- Rigid plastics, including toys, buckets, flower pots, laundry baskets and clothes hangers.
- Wax-coated milk and juice boxes, all junk mail (including those with plastic windows), catalogs and pizza boxes with minor grease.

Thank a mentor. Pay it forward. Mentor a child. Change a life.



Learn more about how you can help a young person. Contact Kate Bouwkamp at 240-314-8317 or kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov.

www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring



MORE TIME TO READ! The Twinbrook Library recently expanded its hours of operation. The library is now open two hours later, until 8 p.m. on Monday, and opens two hours earlier, at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Learn more at <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/twinbrook.html>. All county library branches will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day.



Winter and Senior Recreation Guides to Come Out This Month

Look for Rockville's latest 2017-2018 winter guide, "LIFE in Rockville," which lists all the programs, events, classes and fun available from the city's Recreation and Parks Department.

Whether it's preschool programs, sports, arts, dance or getting fit, Rockville has something for you and your kids to take part in.

The guide will be available in print and online by Tuesday, Nov. 28. General registration for programs begins Thursday, Nov. 30.

Also look for "60+, Recreation and Services," Rockville's guide for classes, programs and events from the Rockville Senior Center, which will be available Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Find the current recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide.

Information Session for New Arrivals

An information session sponsored by the city's Human Rights Commission will provide new immigrants with the tools to build a healthy, happy life in the City of Rockville. Knowing your rights is the first step.

The free session will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8316.



VisArts at 30

VisArts recently kicked off its 30th anniversary season with a hands-on birthday bash.

Learn more at www.visartscenter.org or search "VisArts" at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation



A 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund
- Assist with fundraising, the acquisition and

maintenance of new parks and open space

- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the City's parks and facilities.



Please send your tax deductible gift to:
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Ready or Not for the Holidays, F. Scott Theater has Something for All

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre begins to gear up for the holiday season with performances of "White Christmas" and "A Christmas Carol." But if you're not ready for the festivities quite yet, you can celebrate our veterans with the Heart of Maryland Chorus, enjoy a classic pops concert or get into the "Gypsy Spirit" with the Washington Balalaika Society, instead! (And don't forget to mark your calendars for "The Nutcracker" in early December.)

"White Christmas" presented by Rockville Musical Theatre. Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge. 8 p.m. Nov. 3, 4, 10 and 11; 2 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 12. Tickets cost \$22; \$20 for students and seniors.

At 1 p.m. on Nov. 11, the **Heart of Maryland Chorus presents "Let Freedom Ring!"** — a tribute to our veterans and active-duty military presented in the traditional USO show style. The Sweet Adelines women's chorus sings four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style with featured guests Misfire, a men's Barbershop Harmony Society quartet, the Fugitive Brass Quintet, Gottaswing Dancers and others. Tickets are \$15, general admission.

"Gypsy Spirit," presented by Washington Balalaika Society. Enjoy Russian folk

instruments — balalaikas, domras, gusli, bayan — and more. Features Peter Omelchenko and Andrei Saveliev. 8 p.m. Nov. 18. General admission tickets are \$25; \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students. Children 12 and younger are free.

Hope Garden Ballet Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol." Set in 1840s London, "A Christmas Carol" is an original ballet interpretation of Dickens' novel and was named in DC Metro Theater Arts' Best of 2015 — Best Children's/Family Productions. Tickets cost \$22 for adults and \$19 for seniors, military members, students and children. 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Nov. 25.

Rockville Concert Band performs "Bach, Beethoven and the Boys!" A classic pops concert, at 3 p.m. Nov. 19. Conducted by Music Director John A. Saint Amour. No tickets required but a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/concertband.org.

Rockville Civic Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," directed by Eleanor Simpson. Join Clara on her magical journey! 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9; 2 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$13 children (12 and younger) and seniors 60 and older.

For tickets or more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email theatre@rockvillemd.gov. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. ❖

Make Jewelry, Learn Pastels This Month at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

The owner of Simply Pure Creations will be on hand from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Glenview Mansion, with a free jewelry-making demonstration. Learn how to wire-wrap stones, cabochons and sea glass to make earrings, pendants and bracelets.

Bring your own wire, stones/tools or buy them from the instructor. Ages 13 or older. Younger participants must register by calling 240-314-8682 and be accompanied by an adult.

Also on Nov. 12 at the Glenview Mansion (weather permitting), members of the Maryland Pastel Society will be on the lawn paint-

ing with pastels. Members will be available to explain the difference between using pastels and other media. The art gallery will also be open to the public from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Members of the Maryland Pastel Society will be on hand to answer questions.

The Maryland Pastel Society's biennial national juried exhibition, "Shades of Pastel" will continue through Friday, Nov. 17.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, contact jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov. ❖



Sixth Season of Town Square Ice Rink Showcases Local Artist's Work

A colorful abstract work by local artist and VisArts instructor Emily Eisinger will span the length of Rockville Town Square's 120-foot ice rink this season.

Eisinger's design, titled "A Rendered Edge," was inspired by "Luminarium" by Cecilia Lueza, a public artwork on the corner of the Arts and Innovation Center, where VisArts is housed. Eisinger's piece was digitally printed on eight separate sections of vinyl, which were installed on the rink.

"The final design introduces bright, colorful gradients moving through slick transitions before fading into white," Eisinger stated in a press release from Federal Realty Investment Trust. The project was conceived by VisArts, which partnered with the City of Rockville, FRIT and TriState Ice Management to engage

the artist. "My design is intended to reach beyond just the skaters on the ice and truly enhance the look and feel of the square as a festive destination for this wonderfully diverse community," Eisinger said.

The artwork will be officially presented during Rockville Town Square's 10th anniversary celebration from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. Guests will be able to view the ice rink art from the VisArts rooftop.

For more information on VisArts, visit www.visartscenter.org. View VisArts' time-lapse video of the artwork's installation at vimeo.com/238991828. For events and to learn about Town Square, visit www.facebook.com/RockvilleTownSq.

For more details on Town Square's 10 anniversary, see the article on page 1.

Human Rights Multimedia Contest and Award Nominations Deadlines

Deadlines are approaching for a multimedia contest and two awards focused on promoting human rights.

Contest and award winners will be honored at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 15.

Students in grades 9-12 residing in, or attending school in, the City of Rockville are invited to enter the Student Multimedia Contest for a chance to win a first-place prize of \$1,000. Contestants will create a video, photo, essay, poem or other work of art to raise awareness and encourage thought and understanding of a human rights topic.

The city's Human Rights Commission is sponsoring the contest to encourage students to express their creativity and think about human rights. Entries will be judged on creativity, work quality, effort and relevance. First, second and third place winners will be recognized at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

Submissions are being accepted through Monday, Dec.

11. For information about obtaining an entry packet, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. For more information, including contest guidelines, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights.

The commission is also accepting nominations for the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award, to be presented to a high school student residing in, or attending school in, the City of Rockville who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

A second honor, the F. Michael Taff Award, will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities in Rockville. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms for either award at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Nov. 15. ❖



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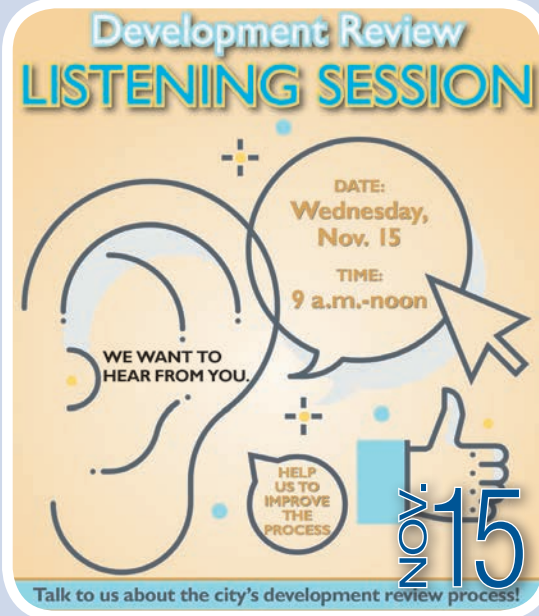
November CALENDAR

CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

FACILITIES LEGEND:

SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



1 GETTING FROM POINT A TO B. Learn more about transportation options in the area. Get assistance filling out application for Metro Access and Montgomery County Call-n-Ride. Register for course #1924. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

2 LITTLE ACORNS: ALL ABOUT FALL. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. For ages 18-36 months. Register for course #1192. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

3,4,10,11 at 8 p.m. **ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "WHITE CHRISTMAS."** Based on the beloved, timeless film, two song-and-dance men follow a duo of singing sisters to a Vermont lodge. Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin; book by David Ives and Paul Blake; directed and choreographed by Duane Monahan; musical direction by Marci Shegogue. With matinee shows on Nov. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. **FSF**

4 SALUTE TO ROCKVILLE NONPROFITS. Support nonprofits in Rockville! Learn about nonprofit programs and missions, sign up to volunteer and complete a "passport" for a chance to spin the prize wheel. Takes place in conjunction with the Rockville Farmers Market, and is free and open to all ages. Nonprofits interested in taking part can contact the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310. 9 a.m.-noon, at the Rockville Farmers Market. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

4 CROYDON CREEK CAMPFIRE: CREEPY CRAWLIES. Learn about things we find creeping and crawling in the forest and enjoy a s'more by the fire. For ages 5 and older. All participants, including adults, must register. Register for course #1203. 5:30-6:30 p.m. **CC**

4,11,18 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET. Your pick of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods and more. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street, in the jury parking lot.

5 ROCKVILLE 10K/5K. Begins and ends at King Farm Village Center. Runners can choose from a 5- or 10-kilometer race. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m., the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Children can take part in the Kids 1-Mile Fun Run, which begins at 8:15 a.m. \$45 at packet pickup, RnJ Sports 11910 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, on Saturday, Nov. 4 and walk-up on race day. The Kids 1-Mile Fun Run costs \$12 per child. For more information and registration, visit www.rockville10k5k.com.

6,13,20 STRESS REDUCTION AND MEDITATION COURSE. Stressed? Does anxiety keep you awake at night? Focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being. Betty Figliore has taught classes in meditation, guided imagery and stress-reduction for over 30 years. Register for course #1611. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

7 DECLUTTERING. Collecting too much stuff can become a threat to your health, safety and the comfort of daily living. Learn ways to deal with over-accumulating and how to begin decluttering. Register for course #1703. 1-3 p.m. **SR**

9 FRIENDS' CORNER – TECHNOLOGY. Provides linguistically and culturally-competent educational discussions about health, wellness and lifestyles to older Asian-American adults who could benefit from learning more about what Montgomery County Health and Human Services provides. Register for course #1597. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

11 SATURDAY STORY AND HIKE. Help us collect non-perishable food items for Rockville's Holiday Drive while you enjoy story time and a naturalist-led hike. Participants are asked to bring one non-perishable food item per person to be donated to the city's annual food drive. Adult participation required. Advanced registration recommended. For ages 2-5. Register for course #2107. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

14 INTRODUCTION TO AROMATHERAPY. Learn about this ancient therapy for body, mind and spirit, and the benefits of using these oils safely. Presented by Adrienne Hauseman, masters in aromatherapy and aromatics, holistic certificate and Reiki practitioner. Register for course #2210. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

14 MAKING REAL ESTATE DECISIONS. Discover some of the options offered to seniors in terms of timing, types of housing choices, preparing a home for sale and options to sell existing property. Register for course #1928. 1-3 p.m. **SR**

15 SOLAR CO-OP INFORMATION MEETING. The Rockville Environment Commission coordinates with Solar United Neighbors and Montgomery County to organize another solar co-op. Homeowners can join the co-op to make going solar easier and get competi-

tive, group pricing. The session will discuss the basics of solar technology and how it works on a home, solar economics and incentives, and the solar co-op process. 7 p.m. **CH**

15 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW LISTENING SESSION. The Department of Community Planning and Development Services holds a session to hear about ways to improve Rockville's development process. Contact Bobby Ray at 240-314-8228 or bray@rockvillemd.gov, for more information. 9 a.m.-noon. **FSF**

16 LITTLE ACORNS: SQUIRRELS. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. For ages 18-36 months. Register for course #1195. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

16 KEEPING THE BEAT. Atrial fibrillation is an irregular heartbeat of arrhythmia that can lead to blood clots, stroke or heart failure. Dr. Erich Wedam, director of electrophysiology at Suburban Hospital, reviews the signs and symptoms of atrial fibrillation, as well as non-surgical and surgical treatment options. Register for course #2095. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

17 LATE NIGHT POTTERY. An evening of painting with the Amazing Art Studio. Make a pottery project, play in the gymnasium, hang out with friends, listen to music and play video games. Refreshments will be sold. For grades 4-7. 7-9 p.m. **TF**

18 NATURE TOTS: COLORS OF NATURE. Discover the wonders of nature with your child. Each session, a naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. For ages 2-5. Register for course #1046. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

19 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: NOCTURNAL ANIMALS. Young scientists investigate a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve. What goes bump in the night? Explore animals who are active while we are asleep. For ages 6-8. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. Register for course #1158. 1:30 p.m. **CC**

22 SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY BAZAAR DEADLINE. Need a table at the bazaar for your handmade crafts, book sale, bake sale or something else? The deadline to apply is today. \$25 MEM/\$35 NM. Call 240-314-8800 or come in person for an application. **SR**

25 HOPE GARDEN CHILDREN'S BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" at 1:30 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. HGCBT's eighth annual production, "A Christmas Carol" has become a local family tradition and was named in DC Metro Theater Arts' Best of 2015 — Best Children's/Family Productions. **FSF**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. Sign up and search for courses, programs, classes and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.

Save the Dates

GLENVIEW MANSION
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Enjoy the 1926 grandeur of the mansion and formal gardens.

Special rental discounts for Rockville residents.

Celebrate the Holiday Season with Glenview Mansion

Musical performances every Sunday

Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. – Art Gallery Opening and Reception
Dec. 10, 1-4 p.m. – Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus
Dec. 17, 1-4 p.m. – Mansion open to the public

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

Still Time to Register for 10K/5k

It's still not too late to take part in the Rockville 10K/5K Race on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Race fees are \$35 online through Thursday, Nov. 2. After Nov. 2, race fees are \$45. Participants can register online through Thursday, Nov. 2 at www.rockville10k5k.com.

Runners can choose from a 5- or 10-kilometer race. The race begins and ends at King Farm Village Center. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m., the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Children can take part in the Kids 1-Mile Fun Run, which begins at 8:15 a.m.

The course runs a scenic route along Redland Boulevard (west of Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.



Winter is coming! And snow!

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Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.



Rockville to Reflect on Residents' Service with Veterans Day Ceremony

Nov. 11 Ceremony Will Include Salutes and Speech by Marine Veteran

A Rockville veteran of the United States Marine Corps will be the featured speaker as the city honors veterans of our nation's armed forces at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11.

The ceremony, which

is open to the public, will be held at Veterans Park, at the intersection of Route 28 and Rockville Pike. It will include a wreath laying and a military salute by the American Legion Post 86 Honor Guard. Free parking will be available at the

Sandy Spring Bank building, 611 Rockville Pike, between Fleet Street and Rockville Pike.

This year's featured speaker is Enrique Mazon Jr. Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, Mazon served in the United States Marine Corps from July 2005 - August 2009. He was stationed in Camp Pendleton, California, assigned to the 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division, serving as an administrative clerk for a unit of approximately 1,300 Marines and sailors. In August 2006, he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 3rd Low Air Altitude Defense Battalion, 3rd Marine Air Wing, Marine Control Group - 38.

He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Navy Unit Commendation Medal with one star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with one campaign star, the

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mazon is an international trade specialist with the Office of Country and Regional Affairs' Western Hemisphere Division at the



Enrique Mazon Jr.

United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service. He is married, with two children.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620. ❖

Rockville Scores Top Marks

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health care benefits and leadership on LGBTQ issues.

One of the Mayor and Council's priority initiatives is to "Review existing codes and policies based on the scoring of the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Index and identify modifications to enhance LGBTQ nondiscrimination." A list of the initiatives is on the city's website, www.rockvillemd.gov/priorityinitiatives.

The MEI report can be found at www.hrc.org/mei. ❖



GETTING READY AT THE ROAD-EO... Snow plow crews from the City of Rockville competed against crews from the City of Gaithersburg in the Snow Road-EO Challenge on Oct. 18 at Gaithersburg's Bohrer Park. The home team kept the trophy, with Gaithersburg earning 2,925 points to Rockville's 2,715, but all crews proved they're ready to help keep their city's streets clear and safe this snow season. Members of Team Rockville pictured above are (L to R): Jason Blake, Patrick Ground, Edder Dasilva, William Moore Sr., Vergil Rossie, Steve Sokol, William Pritchard III, William Moore Jr., Mark Winpiger, Denis Castillo, Jacob Harrison and Robert McDonald.



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BACK IN THE DAY: Architectural consultant Arthur Cotton Moore stood before an audience of 130 Rockville residents and business people, Nov. 21, 1976, and talked about projects he'd handled in other cities. Moore was selected by the Mayor and Council to consult on Town Center Urban Design, the city's plan to re-envision the future of its town center.